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King Hussein (center) and Crown Prince Hassan (right), welcome Foreign Minister Shimon Peres to Amman yesterday to discuss the upcoming economic conference to be held there and the signing of transport and trade pacts (story, Page 12). (Yitzhak Elharar/Scoop 80)

Golani commander: Human error caused deaths of six

THE commander of the Golani Brigade, Colonel E. Ohana, conceded yesterday that an error of judgment was the probable reason six Golani soldiers were killed on Sunday, when their armored personnel carrier (APC) ran over a mine in the security zone in Lebanon.

Chief of General Staff Lt. Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak supported the assessment, saying the decision to allow the patrol to move at night was made by the Golani battalion commander, Lt-Col. A.

ALON PINKAS
and DAVID RUDGE

mortar fire," he said. Deputy Chief of Staff Maj. Gen. Matan Vilnai yesterday supervised the Golani investigation of the incident. The probe is focusing on three main questions: Who authorized the use of that particular APC and not a heavier one; who authorized the company commander, Capt. Yossi Ohana, who was killed, to use the dirt road; and why the patrol left before first light.

According to preliminary findings, Ohana told the battalion commander that the heavier APC had problems. The battalion commander told Ohana to proceed with the lighter APC, but warned specifically to remain at all times on the paved road and not to stray onto the dirt road, where roadside bombs and mines

are easily concealed. Investigators are inclined to believe the incident was avoidable, attributing it to miscommunication between Ohana and the battalion commander, and a subsequent error of judgment by a specific APC. Speaking to reporters near the Lebanese border, Col. E. Ohana said the decision to dispatch the M-113 APC, whose thin belly armor provides inadequate protection against mines, was made because the unit's more heavily armored APC had technical problems and there was a low probability of mines in the area. "A tank drove through that portion of the road earlier and our experience in that specific area is with Sagger missiles, not roadside devices. The APC was protected against Saggars with thicker side-armor and reactive (Continued on Page 2)

Rabin stresses importance of settlement blocs in final agreement

FOR the second time in two weeks, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin yesterday spoke publicly of his vision of a final settlement with the Palestinians, emphasizing the importance of settlement blocs in this final agreement.

At a meeting with heads of the religious Meimad movement, Rabin stressed that the country's final borders will include - in addition to a united Jerusalem - Ma'aleh Adumim, Gush Etzion, Efrat, Betar, "and other settlements east of the Green Line."

Yehuda Ben-Meir, one of the Meimad participants, said that although Rabin did not specify which other settlements, he believes Rabin was speaking of a number in western Samaria, the so-called "five minutes from Kfar Sava" settlements, such as Oranit, Alfei Menashe, Sha'ar Tikvah, and Elkana.

In a speech to the Knesset prior to its 61-59 approval of the Oslo 2 accords two weeks ago,

HERB KEINON

Rabin presented his vision of a final settlement for the first time, saying the "security border of the State of Israel will be located in the Jordan Valley, in the broadest meaning of that term." Rabin also spoke of "the establishment of blocs of settlements in Judea and Samaria, like the one in Gush Katif, and said Israel would not return to the borders of June 4, 1967."

Meimad is putting together a map of settlement blocs that, according to Ben-Meir, will include Gush Katif, Gush Etzion, Greater Jerusalem, the southern Hebron Hills, and "one or two" blocs of settlements in western Samaria. These five or six blocs account for nearly three-quarters of the 140,000 settlers in the territories.

In addition to Ben-Meir, Meimad head

Rabbi Yehuda Amital and the movement's director-general, Yossi Ben-Gal, were also present at yesterday's meeting with Rabin.

Meimad recently came out in support of the Oslo 2 agreements, and its leadership periodically meets with Rabin. Ben-Meir said that in about three weeks the Meimad leadership, along with settlement activist Rabbi Yoel Ben-Nun from Ofra, will begin meeting with senior government officials, including Yossi Beilin and Yossi Sarid, to start "sketching the various settlement blocs."

According to Ben-Meir, Rabin said that his vision of the final agreement guided him in drawing up the interim Oslo 2 agreements.

Meimad issued a statement following the hour-long meeting expressing its appreciation to Rabin for "preserving the security and political interests of Israel in the short and long terms."

Premier shows a grandfather's interest in the wounded

DAVID RUDGE

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin revealed yesterday that his grandson had been serving with a paratroop unit in the Aishiyeh region of the security zone, until it was replaced by the Golani Brigade company that lost nine soldiers in Hizbullah attacks in the past week.

Rabin spoke of the matter at Haifa's Rambam Hospital, where he visited soldiers who were wounded in the incidents.

Afterwards he confirmed to reporters that his grandson, Yonatan, had served as a Paratroop Brigade paramedic in the same area for around four months.

"Today I can talk about it ... now that he is finishing his army service after three years. The Golani Brigade, which is today in Aishiyeh, replaced the brigade in which my grandson was serving," said Rabin.

"I felt like any other grandfather. My responsibility encompasses an overall responsibility for the lives of all. It's only natural, however, that as a grandfather you have a more sensitive attitude, because it's your grandson," said Rabin.

Rabin, accompanied by Health Minister Ephraim Sneh, visited the four Golani Brigade soldiers who were wounded in the two Hizbullah attacks on Sunday and last Thursday, as well as Nahal Sgt. Itai Tzvik, 20, who was badly wounded last week in a firefight with Hizbullah gunmen.

Tzvik, who was hit in the head by a bullet, regained consciousness two days ago and is still in intensive care.

Rabin: Security sole criterion for IDF action in Lebanon

DAVID RUDGE and news agencies

ISRAEL is not restricted by diplomatic or political considerations in any action it may take against Hizbullah in Lebanon following the deaths of nine Golani Brigade soldiers in the past week, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said yesterday.

"We will act in the light of security considerations. There are no diplomatic restrictions," Rabin told reporters during a visit to wounded soldiers at Haifa's Rambam Hospital.

"Negotiations with Syria or no negotiations with Syria are not a determining factor and do not limit military actions now, or those which might be carried out," said Rabin.

Rabin stressed that the security factor was the only criterion behind any IDF action.

Hizbullah vowed yesterday to hit back should there be any Israeli retaliatory strike.

"Any adventure or aggression will make the enemy pay a costly price," it said in a statement published by Beirut newspapers.

The Lebanese government yesterday said that Israel's occupation of the border enclave was at the root of the escalating violence in southern Lebanon.

"What can stop the cycle of violence in the south is the withdrawal of Israeli forces," Prime Minister Rafik Hariri said after a cabinet session on south Lebanon.

"An Israeli attack in the South will be met with a reprisal operation, which will maintain tension in the area," he said.

A statement issued after the meeting emphasized the right of

the Lebanese people to fight the occupiers and liberate their land, noting that Hizbullah's recent activities had concentrated on the occupied land and not beyond. The government has previously expressed its opposition to Katyusha rocket attacks on the Galilee.

Nevertheless, the statement expressed the willingness of the Lebanese government, in line with Syrian policy, to continue the dialogue with America over the tension in the South on the basis that this would end with a full Israeli withdrawal.

Syria yesterday accused Israel of increasing tension in southern Lebanon and warned that this could destroy the peace talks, which are currently deadlocked.

"The continuous Israeli aggressions against the Lebanese assure that the Israeli will be to suspend the peace process or kill it," the daily *Al-Ba'ath* newspaper was quoted as saying.

The newspaper, as well as the *Tishrin* daily, another official organ of the Syrian regime, rejected Israel's criticism of Syria for not preventing, and even supporting, the terrorist activities of Hizbullah and other radical organizations.

In Haifa, Rabin was asked whether any changes were likely to be made regarding the size of the security zone, or about possible alternative security arrangements that could eventually replace the zone.

Rabin gave no indication of any planned changes in the present structure of the zone.

"When the zone was established (Continued on Page 2)

Yad Vashem asks Rabin to protest UN omission of Holocaust in resolutions

BATSHEVA TSUR and MARILYN HENRY

OFFICIALS of Yad Vashem have asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to have Israel boycott the special UN debate on the conclusion of World War II unless it includes a specific mention of the Holocaust.

In a letter to Rabin yesterday, Yad Vashem chairman Avner Shalev and research head Prof. Yisrael Gutman noted that the world body had turned down a request by the Israeli delegation to include the Holocaust in its resolutions following the debate.

This will "encourage neo-fascist, racist and antisemitic elements in the world, as well as those who deny that the Holocaust took place," they said in the letter. By ignoring the Holocaust, the UN is taking a similar stand to that taken by the world

when Jews were being wiped out during the war, they added.

The Yad Vashem heads asked Rabin to raise the issue during his upcoming trip to the US. "Israel cannot remain silent in the face of this denial," they said.

At the UN yesterday, Israeli Ambassador Gad Ya'acobi spoke out on behalf of a resolution, drafted by Russia, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. Ya'acobi had worked with the Russian delegation earlier to ensure the resolution would acknowledge Jewish suffering during the war.

Five Israeli suggestions found their way into the resolution that was presented to the UN. The word "Holocaust," however, was rejected, in the belief that some non-aligned states would object.

The final language refers to the Jews without specifically mentioning them. The draft reads: "We bow our heads before the tens of millions of those who perished in their towns and villages, on the battlefields and in the death camps in a genocide."

Oy vey! It's only a song

WHEN three aspiring punk rockers shouted "Oy" as part of a song during a talent contest, they got the booby prize: They were suspended for five days from their Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., high school after some parents complained last week that the music was antisemitic.

The Anti-Defamation League disagreed, calling the incident a "tempest in a teapot," not antisemitism. It seems that "oy" sounds like "oi," a European variation on the punk rock theme that appeals to skinheads.

The pupils, members of a band called Utter Confusion, said they meant no disrespect.

Marilyn Henry

PM to meet Clinton, Christopher during UN anniversary

PRIME Minister Yitzhak Rabin will meet US President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Warren Christopher early next week while attending the UN's 50th anniversary celebrations in New York.

Rabin leaves for New York tonight and will return next Thursday following a one-day visit to Washington, where he will attend a Congressional celebration for Jerusalem 3000 on Capitol Hill.

In New York, Rabin will also meet other heads of state, including the president of China, the president of the Philippines and the president of South Korea.

Rabin will meet Clinton during several unofficial events and is expected to use the opportunity to brief Clinton and Christopher on Oslo 2 and the stalled talks with Syria.

In November, Rabin will pay an official visit to Washington and meet again with Clinton.

Alon Pinkas

Fifth national census starts today

ISRAEL'S fifth census begins this morning, as Central Bureau of Statistics workers start distributing questionnaires to some 1.5 million households and thousands of institutions throughout the country.

The 7,000 census takers will hand out short demographic forms with five questions to 80 percent of the population, with the remainder asked to complete more extensive questionnaires. The forms are collected after several weeks.

Chief statistician Prof. Yosef Yehav said the new census would encompass a population that has

increased by more than 1.5 million since the previous census in 1983.

For the first time, the haredi community is to participate in the census - at least in Jerusalem, where rabbis have ruled that the forms do not violate halachic prohibitions. In Tel Aviv, however, the Eda Haredit Rabbinical Court declined to accept the ruling, and specially trained haredi census takers are expected to be idle.

The Council of Settlements of Judea, Samaria, and Gaza is boycotting the census to protest government peace policy.

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Palestinians to press for prisoner release

Nablus inmates moved to jails in Israel ahead of redeployment

JON IMMANUEL

PALESTINIAN prisoners are planning a hunger strike and are recommending a boycott of autonomy elections if the stalemate in prisoner releases continues.

A press conference in Jerusalem attended by three Palestinian prisoners' support groups called for demonstrations like Tuesday's protest in Ramallah if Israel does not release all women prisoners. In solidarity with those denied release, none of the women permitted to leave Tel Mond jail has left yet.

Meanwhile, some 400 prisoners from Nablus's Juneid and Central prisons, the core of the prisoner protest movement, have been moved to Israeli jails ahead of Palestinian rule in the city, prisoner sources said, claiming the move was illegal. The Nablus prison was totally emptied, Channel 1 reported.

The dispute over the release of women largely concerns two prisoners whom President Ezer Weizman refused to pardon and two more (Palestinians say four) that OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran in his capacity as head of the military government has refused to release.

In a petition to the High Court of Justice brought by Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, lawyers contended yesterday that Weizman had exceeded his authority in obstructing a political agreement and that Biran had no authority because he was a "public employee." The appeals were rejected.

Weizman, in Israeli civilian courts, and Biran, in military courts, under his jurisdiction, have formal ultimate authority over prisoner releases.

Ahmed Sayad, director of the Ramallah-based Mandela Insti-



Palestinian prisoner release activists (from left) Ahmad Elsaid, Mussa Edwek, and Issa Karake address a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday.

tute, said that whatever Israeli law said about the matter the agreement to release "all women prisoners" was part of Oslo 2 which has the character of international agreement. "If this creates a conflict with domestic Israeli law then the government has to solve it," Sayad said.

The picture is more complicated than that because one of the women, Iman Jaber, who Weizman refused to pardon, is an Israeli citizen, sentenced to life for murdering yeshiva student Eliezer Schlesinger in a Jerusalem park in 1988. She does not appear in Mandela's list of Pal-

estinian women detainees, but Sayad said she should be included because she killed "based on the problem between Palestinians and Israelis."

The second woman refused a pardon, mother of five May Ghossein, was originally jailed for attempting to stab a border policeman in Jerusalem. She earned her life sentence in 1991 after murdering a Palestinian cellmate she accused of collaborating. She has therefore not shed "Jewish blood," and is no different from many Palestinians already released after killing alleged Palestinian collaborators.

The other women were all involved in fatal attacks on Israelis. One of them, Lamia Maarouf, is a Brazilian citizen. Deporting her to Brazil, rejected by Israel seven years ago, is a more realistic possibility today.

Arafat is visiting Brazil and on Tuesday met with Maarouf's mother. The Jerusalem daily Al-Quds published a front-page photograph of the meeting yesterday.

Meanwhile, as implementation of the accord drags on, according to Sayad, the number of women detainees has reached 38, 10 more than the 28 considered in Oslo 2. The Palestinian Prisoner

Club in Bethlehem is demanding the release of all 38, warning that "the prisoners possess a great political influence on the peace process."

One prisoner not likely to be released soon is Ahmed Qatameh, Israel's longest serving administrative detainee, who was issued a detention order for the sixth time last Sunday. Qatameh, considered a senior official and organizer of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine in Ramallah, was arrested on September 1, 1992. The Alternative Information center said yesterday.

Yassin fears intra-Arab violence

JON IMMANUEL

ATTEMPTS to moderate Hamas opposition to the Palestinian Authority continued yesterday with a visit to imprisoned Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin by MK Taleb a-Sanaa of the Arab Democratic Party.

A-Sanaa said after the meeting in Ashkelon Prison that Yassin told him he was worried that the Oslo 2 agreement could increase intra-Palestinian violence and that had to be prevented. "He thinks Palestinian violence against Palestinians is a red line."

While Hamas is willing to agree not to attack Palestinians it has not so far agreed to stop attacks against Israelis, Palestinian sources involved in negotiations with Hamas say.

The PA is willing to accept an agreement with Hamas only if it includes a cessation of all violence by its armed wing Izzadine Kassar, officials close to PA chairman Yasser Arafat have said.

"Without an end to violence any agreement would be meaningless," said one official.

The intense discussions now in their third week started with a meeting in Khartoum, Sudan, between Hamas officials and the Muslim Brotherhood in which the Gaza representatives appeared more moderate than their hosts.

After holding him for nearly four months, the PA released Gaza Hamas official Dr. Mahmoud Zahar on October 7 as a

gesture of conciliation followed by Sheikh Ahmed Baber a week later. It authorized the reopening of the Hamas weekly Al-Watan. It has promised to release two remaining high-level detainees shortly.

Hamas officials have said an agreement with the PA is closer than ever but they have not unequivocally said violence against Israelis from territory under the PA will end.

A formal commitment to end violence would likely split Hamas as its outside sponsors are outspoken in their refusal to accept non-violence as a policy. To do so would be equivalent to accepting Oslo 2 as Hamas's political framework.

Nevertheless, powerful factors are limiting the options of Hamas.

In a Palestinian survey conducted October 7 by the Jerusalem Media and Communication Center, only 17.8% said they oppose the peace process, and almost 50% of that number said the opposition was impractical and vague.

Support for Hamas dropped from 18% to 11% since a June poll. Support for Yasser Arafat's "most trustworthy" leadership dropped from 11% to 6% since the sincerity of Yitzhak Rabin's offer from 10% to 27% after the poll was conducted. The poll was conducted with 1,318 interviewees and has a margin of error.

Fourteen soldiers injured when stored land mines explode

ALON PINKAS

A CRATE containing old land mines exploded at an Engineering Corps base in the Golan Heights yesterday, lightly injuring 14 soldiers, the army announced last night.

The freak accident occurred yesterday morning when a brush fire spread into an ammunition depot at the central Golan base, where an open crate containing the mines was stored. Several mines exploded, lightly injuring soldiers standing nearby.

Most injuries were ear-drum related, with soldiers complaining of ringing in their ears. Several soldiers suffered from very mild shock and flesh wounds.

Syria accepts hundreds of exiled Libyan Palestinians

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) - Syria will take in hundreds of Palestinians, many of them children, deported by Libya who have been stranded aboard a ferryboat in the Mediterranean since Friday, a senior Syrian diplomat said here yesterday.

"We have agreed to receive all Palestinians carrying Syrian travel documents," Charge d'Affaires Roustom Zohbi told The Associated Press by telephone from his residence in the capital, Nicosia.

Palestinian officials in Nicosia said that 82 of the estimated 650 people aboard the Cyprus-flagged ferry Comness M have Syrian nationality and another 508 have Syrian travel documents.

It was not immediately known what will happen to the other deportees aboard the vessel.

Zohbi gave no explanation for the Syrian decision. But the Syrian Foreign Ministry in Damascus later confirmed his announcement and said it will send a ship for the deportees today.

That marked a complete turnaround by Syrian authorities, who had refused to allow any of the Palestinians to land when the ferry arrived at the Syrian port of Latakia Tuesday.

Palestinian officials here said it was not clear why the Damascus regime refused to accept the deportees, some of the thou-

sands of Palestinians and other non-Libyan expelled by Col. Muammar Gaddafi's regime in recent weeks.

Zohbi, who heads the Syrian mission in Nicosia, said: "We're having discussions at the moment with Cypriot authorities to organize the repatriation of the Palestinians who carry Syrian documents to Syria."

Asked whether that included those with expired documents, he replied: "This is a technicality. We will receive all Palestinians who carry Syrian travel documents."

Samir Abu Ghazaleh, who heads the Palestinian diplomatic mission in Cyprus, spent most of the day yesterday aboard the vessel.

Cypriot authorities allowed the Comness M to anchor about 1.5 kilometers off the southern part of Larnaca to replenish food and fuel, but refused to allow the passengers to disembark.

Spyros Arotis, a government spokesman, said: "There is no question of granting permission to the passengers for either permanent or temporary stay in Cyprus."

Such permission, he said, had not been requested. The only people allowed off were a 23-year-old pregnant woman, Etelad Hattid, who went into labor as the ferry sailed into Cypriot territorial waters Tuesday, and members of her family.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Firebombs thrown at soldiers in Hebron

Four petrol bombs were thrown last night at the IDF outpost at Beit Hadassah in Hebron. The IDF spokesman said the petrol bombs did not cause any injuries or property damage.

Herb Keinson

Kessar summoned for more questioning

Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar was summoned by police for more questioning in the Histadrut-Labor funding investigation, Israel Radio reported last night. Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair ordered the questioning.

JP Staff

SECURITY

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lished, the main problem was that of Palestinian terror groups. The main danger was the infiltration of terrorist squads into Israeli territory," he said.

"Today, this problem is virtually non-existent. This task the security zone has fulfilled successfully. There are virtually no infiltrations of terrorist squads into Israeli territory or settlements, unlike the situation six or seven years ago.

"The problem today is not with Palestinians but Hizbullah, an extremist Islamic element. We have learned and are learning that the extremist Islamic factions - Hamas and the Islamic Jihad among the Palestinians and Hizbullah in Lebanon - are the most painful elements in their terrorist activities against us, be they against civilians or soldiers.

"We therefore have to adapt our methods of action without losing sight of the main aim. The test of all our military activities in the security zone is whether there is peace and quiet in the Galilee.

"With all the heartache of what has happened, the loss of soldiers

and the wounding of others, there has been quiet in the Galilee throughout the holidays, for more than three months," said Rabin.

Liat Collins adds:

Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu said yesterday Syria should be made to suffer economically and diplomatically for attacks on Israel by Hizbullah, which it supports.

MK Uzi Landau went a step further saying, "If a car bomb explodes in Israel, one can explode in Syria."

Both called for an end to the immunity from Israeli attack of Lebanese villages that shelter Hizbullah terrorists. Netanyahu said the agreement reached between the two sides following Operation Accountability created cities of refuge for terrorists in Lebanon and turned the population of the Galilee and IDF soldiers into Hizbullah's hostages.

He compared the situation with the Oslo accord, saying that this, too, created cities of asylum for terrorists.

Kalkilya mayor, council appointed by PA

JON IMMANUEL

KALKILYA got a Palestinian-appointed mayor and town council yesterday, after years of living under an Israeli-appointed municipality.

The outdoor installation ceremony of Maarouf Zahran, a 28-year-old English teacher at Kalkilya's Islamic college, was attended by hundreds of townspeople, and by Palestinian Authority Local Affairs Minister Saeb Erekat. Zahran replaces Abdel-Rahman Abu Sneineh, who was appointed mayor in

1980. Abu Sneineh, considered a collaborator, relocated with his family to Tiberias last year.

Israel is to hand Kalkilya over to PA civilian and security control between November 26 and December 17. Some other cities, like Nablus, already have Palestinian-appointed town councils.

Kalkilya, with 25,000 residents, is situated on the Green Line just east of Kfar Sava. Its new council consists of seven members, one of whom is still in jail for security offenses.

GOLANI

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armor defenses, but there very well could have been an error of judgment," he said.

Col. E. confirmed that the Golani unit, which suffered nine deaths within three days, will not be replaced until it completes its mission.

Shahak noted yesterday on Channel 1 that Israel has operated against Hizbullah ever since it was established 12 years ago and stressed the IDF would continue to hit the organization wherever possible. However, he added, military solutions have so far failed to eliminate Hizbullah.

The cycle of violence in southern Lebanon may end when Hizbullah no longer has a reason to attack Israel. Shahak said, "One way of realizing this will be if they sustain many casualties," he said.

While reluctant to describe the sequence of events in the APC explosion as an error of judgment on the company commander's part, Shahak hinted that the decision to move on a dirt road needs to be carefully studied by investigators.

"Commanders in southern Lebanon are constantly required to make decisions under the pres-

ures of time and events. When so many decisions are made, mistakes are made. The APC was protected against Sagger missiles and light fire, not against roadside bombs - which are difficult to detect on dirt roads," he said.

Yesterday, IAF warplanes came under fire from Lebanese Army gunners as the aircraft staged mock raids over towns and villages, Lebanese radio stations reported.

No other incidents were reported in Lebanon or in the security zone, where a tense quiet has replaced the heavy fighting.

Nevertheless, the Lebanese media continued to report a buildup of IDF forces in various parts of the zone. There was no confirmation of this from independent sources. The reports also contrasted sharply with the assessment of Hizbullah leaders that the IDF would mount a massive retaliation operation.

Sheikh Naim Kassem, deputy head of Hizbullah, was quoted in Lebanese newspapers yesterday as saying that the organization is not unduly worried about the possibility of Israeli reprisals.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Academy of sciences gets new president

Prof. Ya'acov Ziv has been elected president of the Israel National Academy of Sciences, replacing Prof. Joshua Jortner who is stepping down after three terms.

Ziv, 64, is a world-renowned expert in information and statistical communications. He is a recipient of the Israel Prize for sciences, and was twice awarded the Israel Defense Prize for his work. Last year, he received the Marconi Prize, the world's most prestigious award in the field of communications.

Judy Siegel

Knesset workers threaten strike

The Knesset may not begin its winter session Monday as a wage dispute threatens to keep the House closed.

Staff are demanding more money to compensate them for a growing workload. Knesset Speaker Shimon Peres is refusing to grant their request. The potential strikers include security, secretarial, maintenance and printing room staff. It is the first work dispute at the Knesset.

Liat Collins

PA gets Russian armored vehicles

Armored vehicles donated by Russia arrived in Gaza yesterday to bolster the Palestinian Police on the eve of IDF redeployment in the West Bank, police officers said.

They said 15 vehicles had already entered through the Rafiah crossing point from Egypt after being thoroughly checked by the IDF troops who control the international crossing point. Thirty others were still being processed.

Reuter

Two Tel Aviv brothels raided

Police raided two Tel Aviv apartments after midnight Tuesday they said were being used as brothels. In one apartment, on Rehov Bar-Kochva, two young women from the CIS were caught with forged Israeli identity cards. The two are being held pending deportation in a few days. Another woman from the CIS with forged papers was apprehended at an apartment on Rehov Ben-Yehuda. She is also to be deported shortly. In that apartment police also arrested the operator of the brothel, who is to be brought for a remand hearing this morning.

Itim

Collaborator family forced out of Acre

A collaborator family that had been relocated to an upper-class Acre neighborhood has agreed to leave its home due to public pressure, including a local action committee.

Jewish buyers have already been found for the home. The municipality said that authorities dealing with the rehabilitation of collaborators have agreed to stop settling the Palestinians in Acre. Some 24 collaborator families live in neighborhoods throughout the city.

Itim

'Yediot' editors questioned

Yediot Aharonot editor Moshe Vardi and the daily's news editor Ruth Ben-Ari were questioned yesterday by the National Crimes Squad investigating the media wiretapping case.

Vardi and Ben-Ari have been questioned several times in the past about their alleged involvement in ordering wiretapping on the phone of former *Yediot* chief editor Dov Yudinovsky after he moved to *Ma'ariv*. Vardi is also suspected of using information acquired from wiretapping three other phones.

Raine Marcus

Man charged with running van-theft ring

A suspect was charged last week in the recent thefts of 14 vans from Rishon LeZion, Lod, Petah Tikva, Ramle, and Be'er Ya'acov, police announced yesterday. The vans, mostly taxis, were sold to residents of the territories. Lod resident Ya'acov Siboni, 32, is suspected of leading the gang, which specialized in stealing diesel vans. They would then drive the vehicles to Kfar Kibya, near Ramallah, where the vans were sold for NIS 4,000 to NIS 5,000 each. Siboni was remanded until trial by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Sara Sirota. An additional indictment is also being prepared against suspected gang member Sammy Samsur, who is currently serving a 35-month prison sentence for other offenses.

Raine Marcus

Israel and neighbors agree on scientific cooperation

JUDY SIEGEL

ISRAEL, Jordan, Egypt and the Palestinian Authority have decided to cooperate in scientific research, it was announced yesterday.

The decision came out of a meeting in Amman that was organized with help from the US National Academy of Sciences. Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan met with the delegations, including Prof. Menahem Ya'ari, Dr. Yossi Shalhvet and Meir Zadok.

The first research project to be jointly carried out will involve the regular supply of water in the area and ways to prevent waste. The participants agreed on aid to the Palestinian Health Council on establishing its own academy of science.

Three scientific conferences will be held in the region next year, with the first on planning joint research in the fields of desert agriculture, human resources and medical sciences. The second will deal with malnutrition in the Middle East, followed by a third on training of doctors and paramedical staffers using advanced

technologies. The next meeting of science academy heads will be held in Israel or Egypt.

Holocaust survivors support group to aid Rwanda victims

A HOLOCAUST survivor support group will help Rwandans cope with the psychological effects of last year's genocide of more than a half a million citizens.

Amcha will take part in a government-organized conference on genocide, impunity and accountability, Zac Nsanga, Rwanda's ambassador to Israel, said yesterday.

The conference, which opens in Kigali, the Rwandan capital, on November 1, hopes to draw experts on genocide from around the world, Nsanga told The Associated Press.

More than 500,000 people, mostly members of the minority

Tutsi ethnic group, were slaughtered by rival Hutus in months of violence in Rwanda in 1994.

"We see the way the Jewish state has dealt with the genocide of their own people as a model for us. We can learn from Amcha's experience in helping not only the survivors, but their relatives as well," Nsanga said.

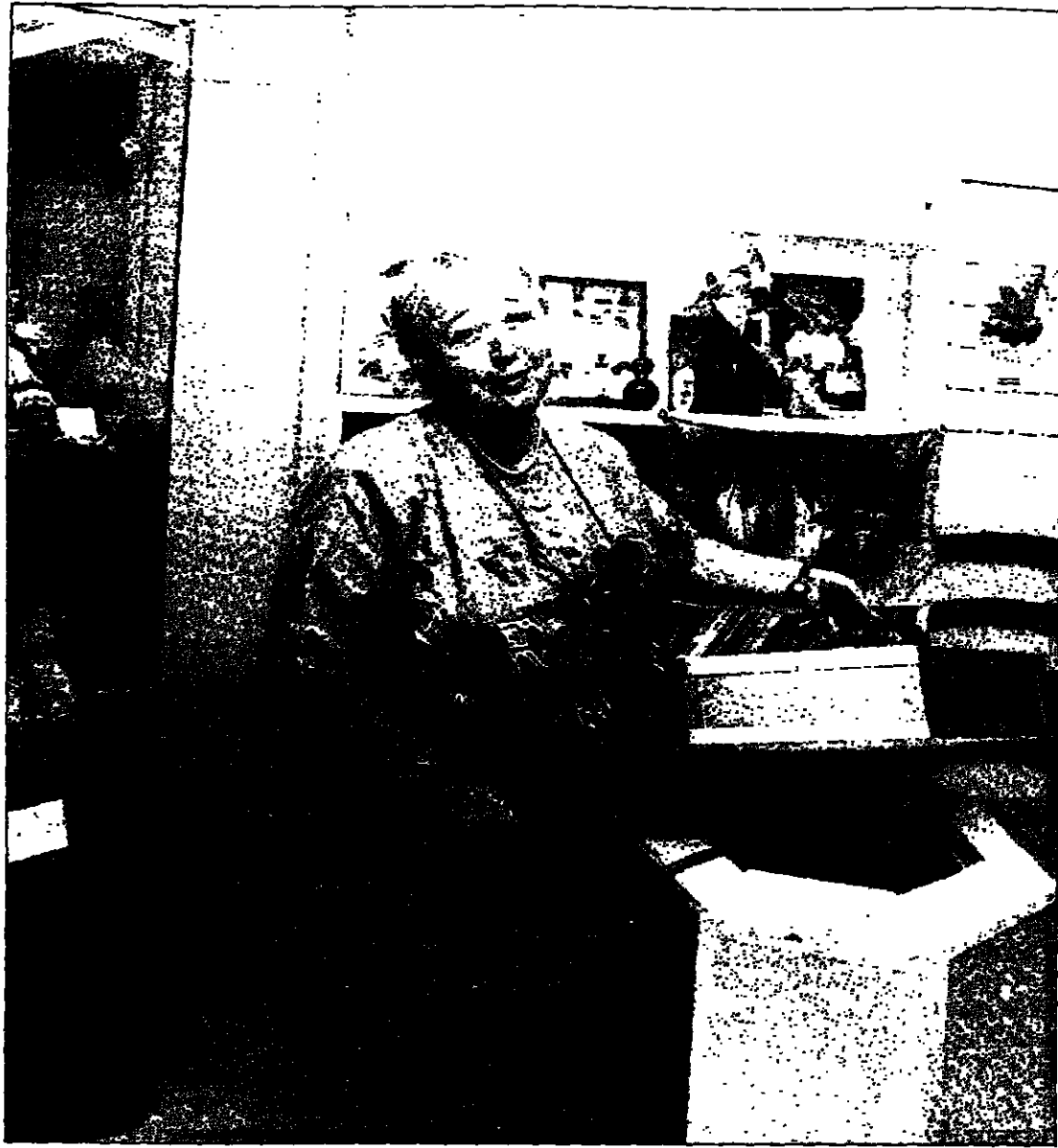
"Amcha has developed a body of expertise to deal with post-traumatic stress, and we are willing to share this," Amcha director John Lemberger said.

Lemberger said he will urge Rwandans not to ignore the effects of genocide and to train therapists to help survivors cope. (AP)

the health system, and declared that budgets must reflect the steady growth in the population and growing expense of advanced medical technology. The committee asked Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to transfer immediately all money owed to the health funds that the NII has not collected so that the basket of health services can be covered.

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Artist Ludmila Volkov, whose daughter Ella was killed in last year's bus bombing on Tel Aviv's Rehov Dizengoff, displays a ceramic oven yesterday that was obtained for her by the Israel Public Council for Soviet Jewry. Volkov, who makes ceramic dolls, was given moral and other support by the council, which has a committee to help families of terror victims who are immigrants.

Bezek workers back on job

Court declares strike illegal

JUDY SIEGEL

BEZEQ workers are returning to work today, after a one-and-a-half-day strike that Tel Aviv Regional Labor Court Judge Edna Gavriel called "illegal."

The Histadrut, which initially endorsed the strike, said the workers would return to their jobs and stop all sanctions, as instructed by the labor court.

The warning strike was called to protest against the Communications Ministry's publication yesterday of a tender for choosing two private companies to supply overseas dialing services, breaking Bezeq's monopoly.

The court recommended that all those who previously met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and received his assurances that Bezeq would remain financially strong should meet again to discuss implementation.

Bezeq will dock workers' wages for the time not worked.

The strike closed down repair, information, international operator and other services, as well as shutting Bezeq reception offices — except in border towns and settlements. Solan Communications, a private company, offered alternate international operator services during the strike.

The ministry yesterday made

available application forms for the tender. Each applicant will have to propose overseas dialing rates to 24 countries. To ensure that only serious consortia apply, potential applicants had to pay NIS 50,000 for the forms.

The companies that win the tender will be entitled to offer overseas dialing services for 10 years, with an extension option of another 10 years. All Bezeq and cellular phone subscribers will have two chances to choose one of the three overseas dialing providers to make calls. Customers will then use the regular 00 international access code preceding the phone number.

In addition, each of the three providers will be assigned a special three-digit code, which will allow a caller to choose any carrier he wants to make a specific call. Subscribers who do not pre-select a provider will be allocated at random according to the proportional distribution decided upon in the pre-selection process.

The competing private companies will pay an access fee to Bezeq until the year 2002; this will be 50 agorot per call in 1996 and drop to 35 agorot in the following year.

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Health Ministry D-G defends Health Insurance Law

JUDY SIEGEL

DESPITE severe financing problems, the National Health Insurance Law is "a good one" and residents are today receiving "better health services" than before, Health Ministry Director-General Meir Oren said yesterday.

Speaking before the Knesset Labor and Social Affairs Committee, which held an emergency meeting to discuss the financial crisis facing the public hospitals, Oren blamed the crunch on the NIS 900 million

shortfall in the expected health-tax collections by the National Insurance Institute.

He said the four health funds owe the public hospitals NIS 555 million, and that the shortfall between the forecast of health-tax collections and actual collections totals NIS 1.2 billion.

The committee, headed by MK Yossi Katz, voted to oppose any budget cuts in

the health system, and declared that budgets must reflect the steady growth in the population and growing expense of advanced medical technology. The committee asked Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to transfer immediately all money owed to the health funds that the NII has not collected so that the basket of health services can be covered.

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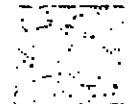
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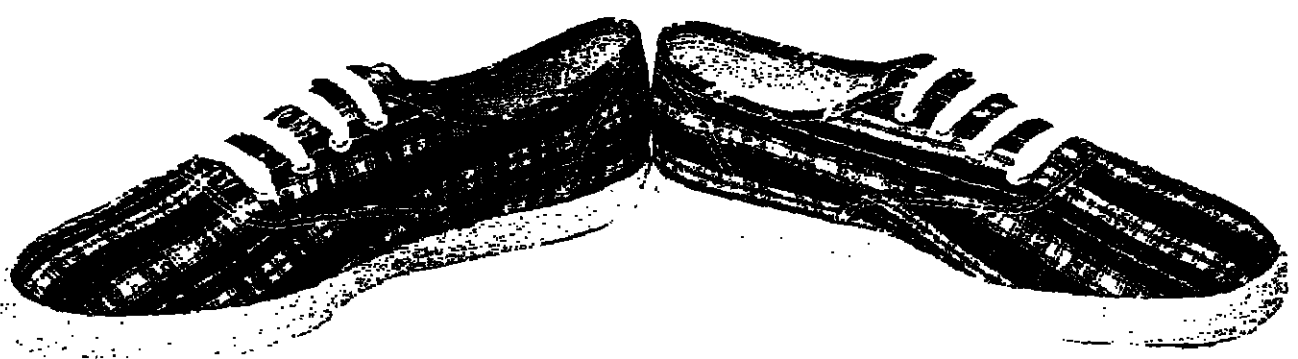
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Yugoslavia, Bosnia to open liaison offices

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Yugoslavia and Bosnia have agreed to open liaison offices in each other's capitals, a move short of diplomatic recognition, US peace envoy Richard Holbrooke announced in Sarajevo yesterday.

"This is a small step on a long and difficult road," he said of the move by two countries that have had no official contact since war broke out in Bosnia 3½ years ago.

The announcement came after talks in Belgrade with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, and in Sarajevo with Bosnian leader Alija Izetbegovic to prepare peace talks between the warring parties at the end of October.

As further evidence of the quickening pace in the Bosnia peace process, the United States announced yesterday a site for the talks on October 31, an air force base near Dayton, Ohio.

Holbrooke, who was accompanied on his trip by Russian peace envoy Igor Ivanov and the European Union's Carl Bildt, stressed that the move to set up offices did not amount to full diplomatic recognition.

"That remains an important, and I might add difficult, objective of our negotiations," Holbrooke said, adding that the move also assumed the current Bosnia cease-fire would hold.

Washington sought to persuade Belgrade earlier this year to recognize Bosnia in exchange for lifting international sanctions that have crippled the Yugoslav economy.

The initiative ran out of steam after Milosevic pressed for a complete end to sanctions as the price of recognition, while the Americans insisted on some mechanism to reimpose them if the Yugoslavs failed to honor their commitments.

S. Korea mounts manhunt near site of attempted infiltration by North

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) - Helicopters prowled the skies and dogs sniffed through fields near the tense Korean border yesterday out of fear that a hostile agent may have successfully slipped across the border into South Korea.

On Tuesday, South Korean guards had shot and killed an armed North Korean spotted under the waves of a river that separates the bitter rivals.

Footprints and items found along the river bank where the North Korean was killed indicated that he was not alone.

A massive hunt was launched for the one or two other North

Koreans officials believed may also have infiltrated across the heavily fortified frontier.

The Defense Ministry said yesterday that a man in a wetsuit sighted walking toward a guard post on the North Korean side of the Imjin River may have been the same man whose footprints were found near the dead infiltrator.

The man in the wetsuit was observed late Tuesday afternoon, the ministry said. The North Korean infiltrator was killed near Paju, 40 kilometers north of Seoul, shortly after 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Prime Minister Lee Hong-koo,

visiting the ministry for a briefing on the incident, ordered the South Korean military to tighten security along the border.

Lee warned that North Korea, desperate over its worsening economic plight and political instability following the death last July of longtime leader Kim Il Sung, might launch provocations across the border.

Military and police forces have set up more than 350 checkpoints in the area to inspect cars and people heading toward Seoul. Thousands joined in the manhunt, and traffic into the city was backed up as some cars were subject to several different searches.

Algerian Islamic radicals press France to sever ties with Algiers

PARIS (Reuters) - Algerian Islamic militants stepped up pressure on French President Jacques Chirac yesterday to sever ties with Algeria's military rulers a day after suspected Moslem extremists bombed a Paris underground train.

A leading Arabic newspaper reported that a Moslem extremist group that has claimed responsibility for the bombing campaign in France had sent Paris a four-point ultimatum, warning Chirac against meeting Algerian President Liamine Zeroual next week.

The Saudi-owned London daily *Al-Awsat* published what it said were the demands of the Armed Islamic Group (GIA) the day after the latest bomb, the eighth in the series, tore apart a rush-hour underground train in central Paris, injuring 29. It said the GIA had told Chirac to cancel his planned meeting with Zeroual in New York, suspend all aid to and diplomatic relations with Algeria, and denounce next month's Algerian presidential election.

Al-Awsat said the GIA's terms had been sent to Paris and authenticated by French security services. The GIA "implicitly" is saying that, if you don't do this [meet the demands], we will intensify our campaign. That's the gist of the statement," the newspaper's Algeria expert, Salah Jameel, told Reuters. French government spokesmen refused to confirm or deny receiving such a message but vowed that Chirac would go ahead with the Zeroual talks in New York next week, despite growing domestic criticism.

India imposes direct rule on Uttar Pradesh

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Indian President Shankar Dayal Sharma brought the politically crucial state of Uttar Pradesh under his direct rule yesterday, a day after its low-caste Hindu chief minister lost her majority in the state assembly.

The move surprised some political pundits but appeared to form a key plank in Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's electoral strategy against his Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) arch foe before next year's general elections.

Sharma's proclamation left the "state assembly in suspended animation," enabling Governor Modi Lal Vora to decide later if he would swear in another government.

The move followed a cabinet meeting yesterday, preceded by consultations between Home Minister Shankarrao Chavan and Rao, now on an overseas tour. All political parties agreed the stakes had increased in Uttar Pradesh, home to most Indian prime ministers, after the Hindu nationalist BJP ditched the young government of Chief Minister Mayawati.

Mayawati promptly resigned, terminating a government sworn in only on June 3.



Laure Anne (right) and Benedicte from Arles, kiss Jeanne Calment at her nursing home in the southern French town yesterday. Calment, seen holding a copy of the 'Guinness Book of Records,' on Tuesday reached the grand age of 120 years and 238 days. Calment is entered in the book as the oldest living person whose date of birth can be authenticated. (AP)

Egypt to replace Libya on Security Council

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

EGYPT is expected to take a seat at the Security Council on January 1 now that Libya, with a statement assailing the UN, has withdrawn from the running.

In the last six months, Western diplomats have been scurrying to prevent Libya from a two-year term on the 15-nation council. The US, Britain and France were believed to have collected enough votes to block Libya's bid, but delegates were eager to avert a floor fight.

Libya shares one of the council's 10 non-permanent seats in a system that rotates among Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Tun-

sia. The North African states, in turn, share the seat with the regional group of Arab states.

Under the rotation plan, Libya was eligible for the term beginning January 1. It has served once on the council, in 1976-77.

However, the international community balked at the prospect of allowing a state facing sanctions to be seated on the council.

Egypt, which was last on the council in 1984-85, is expected to take the seat designated for North Africa, according to diplomatic sources. It would fill the seat now occupied by Oman.

US court overturns decision to try suspect as juvenile in 1991 Crown Heights killing

NEW YORK (AP) - A federal appeals court on Tuesday rejected a judge's decision to try Lemrick Nelson as a juvenile in the slaying of a yeshiva student during the 1991 Crown Heights riot and told the judge to reconsider.

The 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals returned the case to Judge David G. Trager in Brooklyn, saying the judge should have considered Nelson's age at the time of the ruling and his criminal record after the slaying.

The decision was a victory for prosecutors, who had argued to the three-judge panel that Nelson was more appropriate to be treated as an adult. Nelson, now 20, was

convicted of aggravated assault and carrying a concealed weapon in Georgia after the slaying.

Assistant US Attorney Alan Vinegrad said he was pleased with the decision and hoped they would be able to prosecute Nelson as an adult.

If Nelson were convicted as a juvenile, he could face no more than a five-year sentence in a facility with rehabilitation programs. If convicted as an adult, he could face a life term.

Nelson is charged with violating the civil rights of Yankel Rosenbaum, an Australian yeshiva student who was stabbed to death during the riots in Brooklyn.

Britons pick Kipling's 'If' as favorite poem

LONDON (AP) - Oddsmakers favored William Shakespeare but he failed to show among the top 10 finishers, and Seamus Heaney, the new Nobel Literature Laureate, was just an also-ran in this race.

Free to nominate any poem in the world as their favorite piece of verse, more than 7,500 British poetry lovers opted overwhelmingly for *If* by Rudyard Kipling to mark National Poetry Day.

Penning 85 years ago, it's the one that starts:

"If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming

it on you..." carries on to:

"If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch..."

And after a series of other "if-you-can" conclusions:

"Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - what is more - you'll be a Man, my son!"

It scans and rhymes in old-fashioned style. It was written when Britain still ruled a worldwide empire. Its writer, hugely popular in his heyday and awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1907, was later denounced by

critics as a jingoist imperialist. Britain's annual National Poetry Day, with readings by poets of their work around the country, was first launched last year to stimulate interest in the subject and promote sale of books.

The nationwide BBC poll took place over six days, with poetry fans calling a BBC telephone number to record the title and writer of their favorite poem. The poll was nationwide but it was impossible to check whether callers voted more than once.

The number of votes for each poem in the top 10 in the BBC

poll were not reported. But the BBC said that *If* secured more than double the votes for its nearest rival, the second-placed *Lady of Shalott* written by Lord Alfred Tennyson in 1832.

In third place was *The Listeners* written by Walter de la Mare in 1912. In fourth place was *Not Waving but Drowning* by Stevie Smith, who died in 1971.

The BBC said votes overall were cast for a total of almost 1,000 poems written by more than 200 individual poets.

Oddsmakers Ladbrokes had offered odds of 2-1 that Shakespeare's Sonnet 18, which starts "Shall I compare thee to a summer's day..." would win but it came nowhere.

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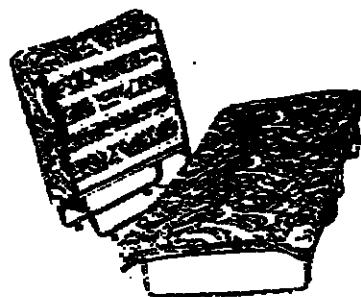
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US black men: Feeling frustrated, mistreated

THE frustration and anger of American black men is shared across economic lines. And it's part of the pull of the Million Man March, a giant rally for black males held in Washington on Monday.

The state of America's black men is measured with statistics — too few in the classrooms and corporate board rooms, too many on the streets, behind prison walls and in early graves.

For individuals, there is a more personal accounting: the cabs that drive past researcher Richard Majors when he tries to flag them down on a busy Washington corner; the way some whites avert their eyes when bookstore clerk Albert Pollard steps into an elevator; the frequency with which police stop college student Shawn Barney for what he sees as no reason.

No matter how they succeed, many black men feel feared and mistreated. They say it's a problem black women don't share, because women aren't perceived as threatening.

"I've done everything society asked me to do — worked hard, gone to the good schools, I dress well — and I cannot get a taxi during the day," said Majors, who has a doctorate in psychology and won a Harvard Medical School fellowship.

"What does that say about the black man who has no power,

who has no education, who has no skills?" he asked, adding: "We don't like black males very much in this society."

Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan, originator of the Million Man March, says one of its goals was "showing the world a vastly different picture of the black male."

The event — organizers described it as more of a convergence than a march — was designed to underscore the majority of black men who stay in school, work hard and care for their families.

It was also described as a call for black men to come together to end the inner-city spiral of crime, drugs and unemployment, the conditions that feed media images of black men.

"Remember, many of these young black men deserved to be in jail... They are murderers and thieves. They are giving the others a bad name," said black radio host Armstrong Williams, who supported the goals of the march but opposes the controversial Farrakhan as its leader.

Organizers have been criticized for excluding women from the event, one of several reasons the national body of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People refused to endorse the rally. But many black women support its goals, agreeing that black manhood is in



Hundreds of thousands of US black males converge on Washington DC for the 'Million Man March' on Monday. (Reuters)

crisis.

At predominantly black Howard University, Jania Richardson often finds herself in a class of five males and 25 females.

"Our black men are scarce," said Richardson, president of the school's NAACP chapter. Thousands more black men are serving time in prison or jail than

studying in college. In contrast, white men are nine times more likely to be in class than behind bars, according to researchers at The Sentencing Project, a non-

profit group that advocates alternative sentences.

This year, about one-third of black men in their 20s are either in jail or prison, or on parole or

probation, the group reported. Although black women are more likely than men to live in poverty, in many ways they have been more successful. They live longer and are more likely to be employed, Census Bureau statistics show.

Black women outnumber black men in college by three to two, and in graduate school by almost two to one. The educational gap between black men and black women has been widening since 1976, US Department of Education statistics show.

"At an early age, many African-Americans recognize the system is unfair, biased against them, and some do reject it for that reason," said Barney, Howard University's student president. He said police have followed him and searched his car in both Washington and New Orleans, his home town.

The Million Man March was the most visible embodiment of a strategy that became popular in the 1980s — focusing attention on black men in hopes that their economic successes will uplift women and children as well.

But to Pollard, the bookseller, things seem to be getting worse, not better. When he walks down the street, he hears the click-click of car doors locking as he passes. Sometimes the drivers are black. (AP)

Conclusion of Succot the best excuse to head off on a major shopping spree

FLAIR

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE best thing about Succot is that, once it is over, you can start bringing your cold-weather clothes out of storage.

That, of course, is the best excuse for going out on a buying spree for a new wardrobe. But just before you consign your summer gear to mothballs or the charity bag, take a forward look at what is coming up for spring/summer 1996.

Previews of European collections show a distinct tendency toward subdued styling, except in the case of special-occasion wear, when opulence is not only permitted but encouraged.

The soft tailoring that characterizes fall/winter fashions both here and abroad will continue into summer, as will the stark color trends — mainly black, white and gray, sometimes seen in combination, but more often in solo hues.

Silhouettes, though occasionally bouffant for evening wear, will be narrowed to more businesslike proportions for day wear, with rising hemlines providing the only distraction at mixed gatherings.

So if you have straight skirts and/or semi-fitted jackets in black, white or gray which are still in good condition, don't throw them out or give them away. You already have a head-start for next summer.

The extremes between evening wear and day wear testify more than anything else to the rag trade's strenuous efforts towards economic recovery.

The industry has been ailing in most parts of the world partly because old-fashioned rules have been bent so far that they almost no longer exist.

People turn up in jeans to black-tie affairs; they wear shorts



Previews of European spring/summer 1996 collections show a distinct tendency toward subdued styling, except in the case of special-occasion wear, when opulence is not only permitted but encouraged. (Reuters)

to synagogue and church; and come to weddings in attire much more suited to a country picnic. None of this has benefited the

clothing industry.

But what goes around comes around, and we may soon find ourselves returning to a more



genteel lifestyle in which people dress up for dinner and pay attention to their appearance.

If you are taking winter clothes

out of mothballs, first bring out the black and red, plus anything you may have in tartan, before you go running off to the shops.

Remnants of Viennese Jewish museum on show

IN 1938, the Nazis took over Austria — and with it the thousands of artifacts that constituted Vienna's Jewish museum, which opened in 1896.

A year later, an antisemitic scientist demanded to show part of the museum's collection to prove Nazi theories that Jews were an alien Asiatic-African race.

Last week, some of those artifacts were again on show in Hitler's homeland — exhibited in five of the many places where they were scattered by the whims of racist dictatorship.

The show, titled "Confiscated — The Collection of the Viennese Jewish Museum After 1938," aims to confront today's Austrians with the legacy of their forebears' destruction of a vibrant Jewish community.

Jews comprised one-fifth of Vienna's one million population before the Nazi takeover, a conquest welcomed by many Austrians and resisted by others. Scattered through three of the city's grand 19th-century museums, the exhibit vividly illustrates what happened to the old Viennese Jewish Museum.

Perhaps the most striking example of its misuse at the hands of the Nazis comes in the Natural History Museum. In its anthropology section, the museum has reconstructed police mug shots of Jews from the 1930s that were shown in an exhibit titled "Physical and Inner Appearance of the Jews."

The current director of the Natural History Museum, Bernd Loetsch, said he had at first resisted the idea of reviving even the memory of the now-infamous 1939 show.

"I thought that, even today, it's not really quite safe to put old, stupid prejudices on show again," he told reporters, alluding to Nazi theories that the Jews were a race, distinct from Aryan Germans and Austrians.

While researching the current

exhibit, Loetsch said, he found an old letter from an ornithologist from the Natural History Museum thanking the commander of Auschwitz for allowing him to observe the region's bird life during his camp service.

"So, no one can say that people in this museum did not know what was going on already in 1942-43," Loetsch said, indicating that Viennese intellectuals of the time knew about the Holocaust.

Loetsch said he eventually came to see the current show as an illustration of how scientists can acquiesce in dictatorship. "The important point is that it shows the scientist as the contemporary seducer... the uncritical propagator of lies," he said.

One striking exhibit is a plaster cast taken from a Jew who died in Nazi custody. Bernard Purin, the organizer of the show, said a German professor at the University of Poznan, now in Poland, had taken hundreds of such casts from Jews' heads and did a "lively trade" with them.

That professor, Hermann Voss, later became a leading academic in Communist East Germany, Purin said.

Besides recalling the Nazi era, the five exhibition venues enable the contemporary Jewish Museum of Vienna — opened two years ago, but currently under reconstruction — to show off its collection of antique Jewish artifacts.

Purin said a few of the objects on show were found only this year, after disappearing for decades into the archives of Vienna museums or libraries where they were taken under Nazism.

Julius Schoeps, the director of today's Jewish Museum, contrasted their preservation with the near-total destruction of Jewish heritage in ex-Communist central and eastern Europe.

There, said Schoeps, almost everything from old Jewish museums "has disappeared, or been stolen. No one knows where the artifacts are." (AP)

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Mocking democracy

IT is all too easy to make fun of Iraq's "national referendum" which confirmed Saddam Hussein as president for another seven years. The exercise is so blatantly ludicrous, so insulting to common sense and so contrary to democratic processes that it can only be greeted with cynical derision. Observers are only left to wonder if the handful of voters (.04 percent) who voted "no" were instructed by the regime to do so to make the referendum look credible, or if they are truly brave dissenters whose days are numbered.

Yet the bitter and unpleasant fact is that Iraq is only the most unpopular Arab state, not the most undemocratic. Real elections, in which the position of executive power is contested by opposing candidates representing different ideologies or competing concepts of government do not exist anywhere in the Arab world.

The best that can be said for pro-Western countries like Jordan, Egypt and Morocco is that their citizens suffer less repression than citizens of Iraq, Syria, Libya or Sudan, and that their parliaments have something to say, though not the final word, about legislation, while in Iraq, Libya and Syria the legislatures are nothing but rubber-stamp bodies.

But if there is one thing common to all 22 countries of the Arab League it is that none holds free, democratic elections for the state's executive positions. President Hosni Mubarak's "election" is in principle no different from that of Hafez Assad's, Muammar Gaddafi's or Saddam Hussein's.

What makes the derision of Saddam seem particularly discriminatory is that on the very same day that he presided over this travesty of a referendum, his Syrian counterpart made an almost unnoticed move to abolish whatever semblance of democratic procedures exists in Lebanon.

Ignoring a provision in the Lebanese constitution which limits the tenure of the president to six years, Assad "requested" that an amendment be introduced which would extend President Elias Harawi's term of office by another three years. The reason given by the Syrian dictator is that the measure should "assure the stability, continuity and full coordination between Lebanon and Syria, at a time difficult decisions must be made in the region." Translation: Assad likes the way Harawi follows Syrian orders. He does not wish irrelevant matters like a constitution to get in the way.

The same kind of contempt for democratic procedures is being displayed by the Palestinian Authority. Yasser Arafat keeps talking of the democratic elections scheduled for next year. But while seats on the Palestinian Council may be contested, real power will remain in Arafat's hands, and he will be running unopposed.

It was perhaps too much to expect that the "Ra'ees" will risk his seat of power, or that he will admit the dictatorial nature of his rule. But that international observers are willing to legitimate such a mockery of "democratic elections" with their presence is a sad commentary on the world community's integrity.

Terrorism in Paris

POLITICIANS love to say they will allow no hiding places for terrorists. Unfortunately, France is proving to be a rabbit warren of hiding places for the Islamic fanatics who planned the outrage against commuters on the RER underground express on Monday.

Western Europe's worst nightmares about the power of terrorism are being unfolded in France. A handful of fanatics from Algeria, armed with no more than domestic gas canisters and simple firing pins are turning one of Europe's premier cities into an armed camp. Thousands of uniformed and undercover police roam the capital, more than 5,000 soldiers have been transferred to police duty. Some 25,000 members of the security forces are now on the streets.

With 29 people injured, some severely, in the atrocity, it is hardly an appropriate time to conclude that some sins of the past are returning to haunt France. But there is a lesson for the future as European governments open their borders in the drive for union. In the past, in the years of rampant Middle East-based terrorism and hijacking, the official French attitude was all too often that it cared little for an international effort to fight the menace - so long as the terrorists kept their bombs off French soil. French business, the French armaments industry, French politics demanded that in the pursuit of unbridled self-interest, Paris could engage in dances with wolves at arm's length. The wolves are now calling the tune in the belief that they

can influence French policy in Algeria. In the early 1980s, Iranian terrorists likewise repaid years of French hospitality to the exiled Ayatollah Khomeini - who organized his Islamic revolution from France - with a vicious bombing campaign in Paris.

It is hard to know what France hopes to gain by its continued high-profile engagement with the Algerian government. Indications from the GIA (Islamic Armed Group) indicate that Monday's bombing was linked to a controversial meeting President Chirac plans to hold with Algeria's military leader Liamine Zeroual next week. While it would be unforgivable to suggest a government's foreign policy agenda should be set by terrorists, France's bid to maintain continuing influence in shattered Algeria is fruitless. The Algerian government is scarcely less ruthless than its fundamentalist opponents, and by now, the futility of negotiating with any Arab dictators or Islamic extremists who refuse to abandon terrorism should be clear to any democratic European government.

There is no easy solution to France's current war with the terrorists, but one thing is clear. It is time for Paris to abandon the traditional attitude of "France first and to hell with the rest." It should seek wholehearted cooperation with its European Union and other democratic partners in sharing intelligence and border police resources. And it should join a major international political alliance to isolate Islamic terrorists and the states which sponsor them.

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Rabin's insecurity zone

URI DAN
DENNIS EISENBERG

IN 1993 the Israeli army reported 160 Hizbullah assaults and attempts to penetrate Israeli positions, and those of its Lebanese allies, in the so-called security zone north of the border. (The assaults involved explosives, a variety of weapons and rockets.)

In 1994 there were over 200 such violent attacks. In 1995 so far, the number of such acts has soared to 440.

Maj-Gen Amiram Levine, OC Northern Command, is still trying to honor his role as a combat general. But rigid political orders prevent him from doing much more than sweat it out. So he grinds his teeth and mourns the death of nine young Israeli soldiers in less than a week.

And stunned-looking Chief of Staff Amnon Lipkin-Shahak speaks lamely about "the ongoing war in the Lebanon," as though it were an act of nature, like an earthquake or avalanche.

Since September 1984 (excluding a two-year period, 1990-92, in which Moshe Arens sat in the chair), Yitzhak Rabin has been defense minister. What we see in Lebanon is a model of his military defense strategy.

His proud boast when the IDF retreated from Lebanon in 1985 was: "I got the army out of Lebanon."

Yet the reality is that Israel is still mired in Lebanon. And it is paying the price with an ever-increasing toll of blood. IDF casualty figures speak for themselves.

The Rabin strategy was propped up by one of his maps. Ignoring military advice that he should establish a 40 km-long security zone up to the Awali River, he insisted on a narrow zone about a fifth of this distance.

The hands of both senior and junior officers were rigidly tied. They were forbidden to seize the initiative in the traditional Israeli style. Boasted Rabin: We will be so strong in our powerful defensive positions that there will be no need to fight Hizbullah.

The only decisions needed would be political ones, that is, controlled by Rabin himself, and nobody else.

It is brutally clear that Rabin's narrow-zone defensive strategy

has been skillfully exploited by Hizbullah's commanders, who have turned the security zone into a killing field. It became terrifyingly evident this past week.

To call the killings the result of bad luck or carelessness on our soldiers' part is to pass a buck which belongs squarely on the desk of the defense minister.

What followed Rabin's and (then-chief of staff) Ehud Barak's much-vaunted Operation Ac-

countability in July 1993 made things much worse. After a week's heavy bombing of Shi'ite villages north of the zone, a "peace" agreement guaranteed that the Shi'ite villages would no longer be attacked, and that Hizbullah would refrain from sending rockets across the border into Israel.

Operating more openly than ever from the safety of northern villages, they regard the Rabin-Barak strategy as a sign of weakness. Any Israeli retaliation following Hizbullah attacks on the IDF will give the terrorists the green light to fire rockets into Galilee with impunity.

In the meantime, they have improved their technique of striking at the Israeli Maginot line's Bar-Lev-style bunkers, as well as their use of ambushes after planting roadside bombs. True, casualties are inflicted on Hizbullah by limited local search-and-destroy actions. But so long as the Syrian army is totally immune, the Damascus-controlled Hizbullah will continue to call the shots.

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Israeli soldiers have become sitting ducks as a result of the defense minister's policy in Lebanon

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Free
to go

LARRY DERFNER

NOBODY, in this country at least, likes the idea of freeing Palestinian killers.

Most of us breathe a little easier, our sense of justice satisfied, when President Weizman and IDF Gen. Ilan Biran refused to release four Palestinian murderers. (Three were convicted of killing Jews, one of killing an alleged Palestinian collaborator.)

For those of us who support the peace process, it was encouraging to see that the Palestinians didn't quit the negotiations over this issue.

But this was just a momentary, happy reprieve - found money. At some point, probably not too far in the future, the Palestinian Authority is going to demand - really demand - that the four women go free.

And then we're going to have to give them up. As we should - not because they deserve freedom, but because we don't have a reasonable argument to keep them anymore.

It is hypocritical to say that we will not allow Palestinian murderers to walk the streets, but that we will shake hands and drink toast with the man who, directly or indirectly, ordered them to murder.

As soon as we decided to try to bury the hatchet with Arafat, our decision, by force of logic, also applied to Arafat's button men and women.

If we want to live by the principle that Palestinians "with blood on their hands" should not go free, then we have to start by locking up Arafat for life.

BUT WE'RE not doing that. We've decided to try to deal with the PLO because if we don't deal with them today, we will have no one to deal with tomorrow but Hamas and Islamic Jihad; and with them there is no dealing. And the PLO has kept at least one part of its agreement with us,

Logic dictates that we must release the four Palestinian murderers

the most important part - they have stopped killing Israelis. The four Palestinian women murderers are loosely or closely aligned with the PLO, so it stands to reason that they too will refrain from killing Israelis.

If the peace process goes sour, they will all return to terror, and we will have willingly turned four killers loose.

We are taking a risk, make no mistake. This whole endeavor with the Palestinians is a giant risk that could bring disaster, but we are taking it because if we don't, disaster, sooner or later, is guaranteed.

Later on the PA will demand the release of other murderers, including those belonging to Hamas and Islamic Jihad, who have sworn to keep killing Israelis and to destroy the peace process.

These prisoners should not be released, even it means seeing the peace process disintegrate. It is one thing to free murderers who promise to stop killing us on the reasonable chance that they will keep their word. It is another, forbidden, thing to free murderers who promise to kill more of us.

And once we let the PLO terrorist murderers go, we will have to do the same with the Jewish ones. There will be no justification on earth for keeping them in prison.

There are 10 Jews in Israeli prisons for political murders of Arabs. They include Ami Popper, who shot seven Arab laborers; Yoram Shkolnik, who shot a bound-and-gagged Palestinian assailant; Alan Goodman, who fired wildly into a crowd of Arabs on the Temple Mount, killing one; and four Kahane Chai juveniles who threw a grenade into the Moslem Quarter market in Jerusalem's Old City, killing one.

They will have to go free, and will be circulating in our society, not the Palestinians.

All the killers, Palestinian and Israeli, will no doubt be carried out of prison on the shoulders of their fans. The Palestinians will be cheered throughout the territories and East Jerusalem, the Jews will be cheered in many of the settlements, and in various parts of Israel.

I only hope that, in the end, it will have been worth it.

The writer is a journalist living in Tel Aviv.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE EVENT

Sir, - Kudos and many thanks to the various organizers of The Event for a wonderfully planned and executed fun-filled enjoyable day. The day was indeed a tribute to the contribution, national pride and passion for Israel which Anglo-Saxons have brought to the country.

It was too bad that a perfect day was ruined by the invitation to Prime Minister Rabin. His presence at The Event was a slap in the face to every Anglo-Saxon old present, and the "welcome" he received was well deserved.

Inviting him to our party was truly a mistake.
ELI KNOLLER
Ginot Shomron.

Sir, - For the first time in my 12 years of living in Israel, I can honestly say that I am ashamed to be a "Westerner." I have just returned from The Event, after an enjoyable day in the sun, full of sport, food and fair purchases, only to end the day with a memory I will not soon forget.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin decided to come and convey his wishes to the 12,000 Westerners who had attended. I know for a fact that although we are approaching the year of elections, his main intention was to show his support for the gathering of Zionists who have come on aliya. Although I have no particular political affiliations, I stood looking over the crowd chanting "Rabin go home" with tears in my eyes. Not because they were screaming obscenities, not because of their political bias but because of the disrespect the crowd had for the prime minister of the State of Israel. What example was that display of anarchy and cha-

os to the hundreds of young children standing around? I am aware that there were a number of individuals who have been directly affected by Rabin's recent policies, but this was not the time nor place to express their feelings. Maybe, given recent events, it may not have been sensible to even invite Mr. Rabin to The Event. However, that does not excuse the disgusting behavior that I witnessed. I have always believed that Westerners had more manners.

JONATHAN LOURIE
Sir, - We can only react with disappointment and sadness at your report of October 11, "Boos greet Rabin appearance at The Event."

Even though the number of individuals concerned was very small, the fact that it happened at all on an occasion which was strictly for fun and without any political aspect at all reflects very badly on those who caused the disruption.

The political views of English-speaking Israelis spread right across the political spectrum, but I feel on safe ground in saying that there is a consensus amongst the vast majority of us that there is a right and a wrong way to deal with political issues, however strongly felt.

We are a democracy which has a built-in right of dissent. No group has the right to use verbal and physical violence to shout down the opposition. That is an abuse of the democratic process and is alien to everything we are trying to do in the ongoing development of the political and social life of the country.

RONI FORMAN
National Co-ordinator,
English Section, Shinui
Tel Aviv.

NOT RABIN'S BUSINESS

Sir, - Prime Minister Rabin keeps growing about the American Jewish lobbies that are against his policies and in effect saying it is none of their business. I think he has things backwards - it is none of his business what Americans lobby their government to do.

First, Mr. Rabin, it is not just the Jewish lobbies which are against these policies. I am an American Catholic, and I and most people I know are against them. It is our tax dollars that will go to the PLO, and we are saying no as loudly as we can. You may have your reasons for giving funds to the PLO. You want to forgive Arafat's non-compliance with the agreements he has made. We don't.

And Clinton may have his reasons. Since every other foreign policy effort of his has been a disaster, he wants to be the king of Middle East Peace. Not with my dollars.

And we also want the American Embassy immediately relocated to Jerusalem. Again, this is our decision, not yours. So butt out.
JO ANN CUMMINGS
Dallas, Texas.

SUCCOT SUPPLEMENT

Sir, - How could you have the temerity to charge NIS 5.80 for your Succot edition?

The supplement for which your readers paid has 10 pages of adverts and seven pages of text. Apart from the cover photo, which is not much different to that which appears on page seven in the newspaper, the publication has no connection whatsoever with the religious aspect of the holiday.

I consider that you have overcharged for a miserable failure.
Jerusalem. JOE GOODMAN

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The Sting: Or how I was conned at the car wash

CAVEAT EMPTORI!
RUTHIE BLUM

THE only thing more annoying than running errands is not getting them done in the allotted time. It is thus that on one frenzied Friday morning I became a disgrace to the consumer advocate community, as well as to myself.

The scenario: It is a boiling hot day. I have just braved the bank and the supermarket (which - in spite of immense serpentine queues - at least are air-conditioned). I have one more task to accomplish before picking up my children from various institutions of lower learning.

I pull into the Paz station in the Baka section of Jerusalem. The line of automobiles waiting to enter the Car Wash is tremendous.

Like all of the drivers in front and in back of me, I turn on the radio, and tap nervously on the steering wheel. "Hang in there," I say to myself, in an attempt to boost my sagging morale. "You're almost done."



Fifteen minutes later it is my turn. My stationery knows no bounds.

"Opa!" says he, chin in hand. "Your car is dirty!" Why else, pray tell, would I be here in the first place, think I with a sneer. "You'll have to pay double." He ejaculates.

I ask if clean cars only pay half. He is non-responsive. I search for a sign indicating different rates for different amounts of dirt.

None in sight. My protestations are met with a shrug. "Ask in the office."

The "office" is a tiny room off to the side. Mrs. Efrati, the owner of the service station, is seated majestically behind her desk. Unperturbed by my rising blood pressure, she points to a hand-printed sign on the wall listing service rates.

Next to "wash - private car" is written NIS 19 in bold print.

Directly below is the price (NIS 25) for

"large cars". Below that there is another category: "special wash" - NIS 50 and up. This, apparently, is the vague category into which my vehicle has had the honor of being placed.

At this point I react badly. I stay and pay. To avoid being a total wimp, I assert myself by not leaving a tip when the "special wash" is over.

Chapter Two of the Consumer Protection Law, 1981 - entitled "Misleading Acts and Taking Advantage of a Person's Distress" - states: "A dealer shall do nothing - by any act or omission, in writing, by

word of mouth or in any other manner - likely to mislead a consumer as to any matter material to a transaction..."

In describing what should be regarded as "matters material to a transaction," subparagraph (a)(1) notes: "the quality, nature, quantity and type of any commodity or service," and subparagraph (a)(13) specifies: "the ordinary or normal price or the price charged in the past, including credit terms and the rate of interest."

Paragraph (3)(b) states: "A dealer shall do nothing... which constitutes taking advantage of a consumer's distress, ignor-

ance or the exertion of undue influence upon him, all in order to conclude a transaction on abnormal or unreasonable terms or to obtain a consideration exceeding the normal consideration."

Admittedly, my distress in the face of Friday morning frazzle, as well as my unwillingness to postpone this particularly distasteful errand, does not constitute becoming a victim of exploitation under the law.

Or does it?

Had this service station placed a sign visible from the street informing me that I was liable to be charged more than double the "ordinary or normal price" to have my car cleaned at the discretion of the attendants and management, I most certainly would not have waited on a long line.

But, of course, it is not in Mrs. Efrati's interest that unsuspecting motorists should be aware of these eccentric pricing practices before pulling into her car wash. She understands the workings of feeble minds such as my own.

Unfortunately, I confirmed her business savvy by proving her right.

Undoubtedly, I am not the only customer to have put up and shut up. (Though a personal survey I conducted among friends revealed that many of them no longer frequent this particular establishment, for this very reason.)

According to Aliza Liram, Director of the Israel Consumer Council, Jerusalem Branch, there is no government supervision of car-wash establishments in Israel.

Perhaps not. But we, as consumers, have a great deal of power where our pockets are concerned. If we choose to use it.

THIS NEW weekly column will be dedicated to consumer injustice. Readers are invited to propose questions or offer personal stories about goods and services in this country. I will do my utmost to investigate each one, and provide follow-ups. Write to: Ruthie Blum, POB 81, Jerusalem 91000.

Swallow anger when it comes to the grandchildren

DEAR RUTHIE
RUTHIE BLUM



Dear Ruthie,
My daughter-in-law left my son for another man over a year ago, taking my two grandchildren with her. My son is very unhappy, though he visits with the boys as often as he wants, and has them on the occasional weekend. My husband and I have been seeing them as much as we can when they are with their father.

However, I cannot bring myself to phone them for fear that their mother (or worse, her man/friend) will answer the phone. I am so angry with her for what she did. But if we don't make a serious effort, our grandchildren will grow distant from us - especially if she has been saying negative things about us. What can we do?

At a Loss Loved Ones
Somewhere in Israel

Dear At a Loss,
If you allow anger and pride to interfere with your love for your grandchildren, you will end up the losers. If they are as important to you as you claim, you will have to view them as entities separate from your daughter-in-law, and act accordingly, even if it means being greeted on the other end of the line by one of the adults in their home.

man around. This may be the real root of your unsettled feeling.

Dear Ruthie,
I have a three-month-old baby. He's my first. Since his birth, everyone has told me to get as much rest as I can when the baby is asleep. I am unable to follow this advice, since the only time I have to do the housework, read, think, or take a shower is when he is asleep. As a result, I am always tired. When I'm tired, I'm irritable. I do not know how to break this cycle, since I'd hate to live by his clock. I really need to have time to myself.

Nappy Fatigued
Jerusalem

Dear In Need of a Nap,
For someone who would hate to live by her baby's clock, you sure seem to be doing a lot of that. Infants need lots of attention during their waking hours, to be sure.

But many additional tasks can be performed while they lie on a blanket, or in a playpen. Too much mental energy may be sapped by your son for you to be able to read or think.

Taking a shower or straightening up, however, requires only physical energy. By expending what physical energy you do have by not resting at all during the day, you are creating your own vicious cycle of having no time, hence no sleep, hence no time. Perhaps you could forfeit one of your baby's naps in exchange for a few winks. Three-month-olds nap at least twice a day, if memory serves.

Dear Ruthie,
What can I bring my Israeli niece back as a gift from the US? She has everything a 12-year-old could want, including every American brand name of clothing and shoes. Gone are the days when it was impossible to find certain things in Israeli shops. So what's a gift giver to do?

Gift Shifting
Kiryat Anan

Dear Shifting Gifts,
Though there's little you can't find here, many items are still a lot cheaper there. So certain gifts will be at least become affordable.

Why not ask your niece if there's something in particular she'd like? If that proves fruitless, when you're abroad observe young teenagers to see what they're wearing or carrying or decorated with. This will give you an idea of where to start.

Letters should be addressed to: 'Dear Ruthie,' POB 81, 91000 Jerusalem. (Ruthie regrets not being able to guarantee publication of every letter, but will answer every letter received.)

Shark doctor curing creatures of bad reputation

SONNY Gruber warns the snorkelers to stay close to the boat. A few meters below, a dozen sharks cruise around, attracted by the chunks of fish Gruber's tossing into the turquoise water.

"I'm not too worried about them getting bitten, but they're scaring the sharks away," says Gruber, a marine biologist with the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School of Marine and Atmospheric Science.

Gruber has brought the snorkelers to a coral reef just south of this Bahamian island as part of his public relations campaign to improve the sharks' terrible image and help save them from extinction.

"They're highly intelligent, very elegant, and beautiful creatures," he says. "And they are in terrible danger. While sharks have a reputation of being indestructible, in reality they're extremely delicate."

After more than 400 million years of evolution, the world's 350 species of sharks are threatened by overfishing. Those that remain are sought for their meat and fins, prized for shark-fin soup.

From his field research station in Bimini, Gruber and a team of graduate students study lemon sharks. By learning more about how they live, they hope to lay the scientific foundation for a shark-farming industry.

"Our goal is learning what it takes to make these little lemon sharks grow to become big lemon sharks," Gruber says. "This way people can have sharks, sharks can have sharks, and the fishermen won't go broke."

As an offshoot of his research, Gruber feels compelled to try to change the fearsome image of sharks inspired by the movie *Jaws*, and has given eco-tourists a new twist: shark diving.

Gruber brings students and tourists interested in learning about sharks to his research station and allows them to snorkel among Caribbean reef and lemon sharks ranging in size from 90 centimeters to 2 meters long.

"You will be frightened at first, but it will give way to fascination," Gruber tells a group from the Boston-based environmental organization Earthwatch.

The 57-year-old "shark doctor" has been studying sharks since 1961, when he was a graduate student at the University of Miami.

"He is one of the foremost experts on sharks," says George Burgess, director of the International Shark Attack File at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

"Sharks have historically been the stepchild of fish-related research. Most people didn't care if they were killed."

At 20, while diving a reef off the Florida coast, Gruber had his first close encounter with a shark. "I was menaced by what seemed like a 2,000-foot [600-meter] hammerhead," he says. "I was certain I was dead. But he left me alone. It probably never even looked at me."

Gruber says he returned to Miami and told his father he was dropping his zoology studies at Emory University in Atlanta and transferring to the University of Miami to study sharks.

Gruber's shark lab, formally known as the Bimini Biological Field Station, is part research center, part public-relations battlefield in the campaign to save sharks.

The lab is in a small waterfront clearing on sparsely populated South Bimini, about 80 kilometers east of Miami. Its location gives Gruber and the graduate students access to a healthy population of sharks who use the area as a spawning ground.

The researchers are focusing on the local population of lemon sharks to learn how their habits are affected by the tides and other climatic conditions.

They hope their findings will make it easier to raise sharks in captivity, eventually making it possible to start a shark-farming branch of aquaculture that would reduce the fishing pressure on wild sharks.

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Lemon sharks such as this one range in size from 90 centimeters to two meters long.

but don't need to be feared. Every novice who enters the water with the sharks seems to leave with a new appreciation. "It works," he says. "It's a great motivator." (AP)

The Jewish Agency for Israel Announcement Concerning Transfer of Lifts to the Customs Authorities

1. According to our files, the lifts whose details appear below have been stored in the bonded warehouses of the Jewish Agency for Israel (hereunder "the Agency") at Tel Aviv for more than four years. The Agency hereby announces that, in accordance with customs regulations, it is required to remove these lifts from the warehouses, and to turn them over to the Customs authorities, for sale or destruction.

2. The first date for claiming lifts is November 22, 1995.

3. If you lift is not claimed by that date, the Agency will act in accordance with the customs regulations, as stated above. In order to claim the lift, you must come to the Agency warehouse at Tel Aviv, Sunday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. (Tel. 08-277884), bringing with you a copy of this announcement, the certificate of duty, cash, and documents establishing your rights. The Agency is not responsible for your lift, after its removal from the warehouse at Tel Aviv and its delivery to the customs authorities, who will act as stated in this announcement, in accordance with their legal authority.

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Livshits	07485418	980	28.6.91	1	Minriv	71579	23524-2	5.8.91	2
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Investors pull NIS 2.3b. out of savings plans

INVESTORS pulled a massive NIS 2.34 billion out of bank savings plans in September, the Treasury reported yesterday. The figures were distorted by huge withdrawals - of NIS 3.2b. - from foreign currency-linked savings plans.

In August, only NIS 402 million was withdrawn from foreign

currency plans. So far this year savers have pulled more than NIS 5b. out of foreign currency plans. Most major foreign currencies are currently paying low nominal rates of interest and have performed poorly against the shekel. The Treasury said the heavy withdrawals were the result of the

NEIL COHEN

maturing of dollar/CPI-linked savings plans which were taken out in prior years. Some of the money was put into continuation plans - both CPI-linked and foreign currency-linked - but the bulk was not. By contrast, money continued

to pour into CPI-linked shekel plans, as savers were attracted to the high rates of return on offer and the strong performance of the local currency. Higher bond yields and increased competition have led the banks to offer particularly attractive interest rates. CPI plans pulled in NIS 877m.

In September, making a cumulative total so far this year for CPI plans of NIS 7.1b. In August, CPI plans pulled in just under NIS 600m. Taking into account both CPI and foreign currency-linked plans, savers have put a cumulative NIS 2.1b. into savings plans this year.

Strong exports shrink US trade deficit

RACHEL NEIMAN and news agencies

BOOMING overseas sales helped shrink the US deficit on trade in goods and services sharply in August to the smallest total for any month this year, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

The trade shortfall dropped 21.2 percent from July's total to \$8.82 billion, well under Wall Street economists' forecasts of an \$11b. August gap.

The controversial deficit with Japan fell in August for a fifth consecutive month, while strong sales of airplanes and computers brought down the deficit with Western Europe.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Abraham Shohat and US Trade Representative Mickey Kantor met yesterday to discuss trade relations between the two countries, as well as Israel's latest tax policy on automotive vehicles.

Beginning January 1, Israel will disregard the current system of taxing car imports based on engine volume and begin basing the taxes on the price of the cars.

Following the meeting, Kantor met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish to sign an agreement designed to liberalize trade between Israel and the US and to develop a free trade zone between the Palestinian Authority and the US.

The biggest obstacle to the agreement was resolving the conflicting laws outlined in the Free Trade Agreement and GATT surrounding import and export tariffs and quotas, particularly on agricultural goods.

Following two days of negotiations, both sides agreed to "put principles aside" and find a solution based on a "practical understanding," a Trade and Industry Ministry spokeswoman said.

Koor Ind. to bid for Histadrut-owned properties

KOOR Industries, which used to be owned by the Histadrut, has decided to compete for the purchase of Histadrut-owned properties offered for sale as part of the group's plans to enter the real estate field.

A consortium made up of Koor Properties, Ashrom Industries, Ofer Brothers and Magor has submitted a proposal to purchase the Neherda Be'ari plot from the Histadrut.

The consortium has offered to buy the seven-dunam plot in north Tel Aviv, intended for construction of 200 luxury apartments, for \$34.6 million. Koor and Ashrom each have a 33.3% stake in the consortium, while Ofer Brothers and Magor hold the rest of the shares.

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Business daily Globes said other investors submitted lower bids. Africa Israel and Alfred Akrov reportedly offered \$26.7m., Shlomo Eliyahu and Mordehai Shechter offered \$25m., Azorim \$24.5m. and Neve Shuster about \$16m.

Koor Properties was established last year to manage and develop all the conglomerate's real estate property under one roof. The company is managed by David Golumb.

The decision to establish the company was in response to Koor president and CEO Benjamin Gaon's decision to shut down loss-making factories and merge plants as part of a recovery pro-

gram implemented in the early 1990s.

As a result, Koor owns several plots of unused land, especially in the Haifa region.

In Acre, close to the United Steel plant area, the company owns a large plot of tens of thousands of dunams on which it plans to establish an industrial park.

Koor senior officials, headed by Gaon, last week began a four-week road show in preparation for its first global public share offering.

The company plans to raise about \$150 million, which will be used to expand the conglomerate's business and help it invest in acquisitions abroad. The offering is scheduled for the middle of next month.



Gaon is heading a road show in preparation for Koor's first local public share offering.

Tender issued for int'l phone services to compete with Bezeq

NEIL COHEN and Reuter

THE Communications Ministry yesterday issued the long-awaited tender for international telecommunications services to compete with Bezeq.

Bezeq has enjoyed a monopoly in the highly profitable field of international services, which accounts for about a third of its \$2 billion in annual revenues.

The ministry plans to choose two additional carriers. Each group is to be made up of local and foreign partners.

"We expect at least six serious groups to compete in the tender," said a ministry spokeswoman.

So far, only one consortium - headed by Autec Software Co., a local firm, Southwestern Bell of

the US and Italian giant Stet - has announced their intention to take part.

Other groups likely to bid include Tadiran Communications with British Telecom and local firms Idan and Darcom; the Calcom group, which comprises Sprint, Deutsche Telekom, France Telecom and local cable firm Matav; and the Celcom group, including Discount Investment Corp., BellSouth and the Safra group.

The consortia have until February to submit their bids, and the ministry is expected to make its selection by the middle of next year.

Communications Ministry sources said the new operators are expected to begin service during the first quarter of 1997.

Shareholders sue Reshef Computers

RACHEL NEIMAN

RESHEF Computers shareholders filed a NIS 24.3 million class-action suit against the company in the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

The action, brought by Ya'akov Michel and other shareholders, claims Reshef tried to manipulate shares by misrepresenting net profits in its 1993 third quarter report.

On December 1, 1993, Reshef reported net profits of NIS 820,000. The share offering, which raised NIS 20m., was floated on December 31, 1993. Reshef's fourth quarter and 1993 annual report, released in May 1994, reported losses of NIS 5.9m. and NIS 5.1m., respectively.

The share then plunged accordingly. The firm attributed the losses to outmoded equipment in stock, which had lost its value.

Michel said the stock's NIS 3.5m. fall in value should have been reported by the end of the third quarter, in which case the company would have posted a NIS 2.75m. loss, instead of a net profit. Michel, who held 23,600 shares in Reshef, said he lost NIS 97m. on the shares.

Manufacturers Association survey: Nearly half of food purchases are at supermarkets

FORTY-NINE percent of the country's food purchases take place at large retail supermarket chains, according to a survey conducted by the Geocartography Institute.

The survey of 621 households, conducted in August, was com-

missioned by the foods section of the Manufacturers Association.

According to the survey, about 25% of purchases were made at mini-markets and grocery stores, 7% at open markets, 7% at discount supermarkets, 5% at hard-ed markets and 2% in factory shops.

The remaining 5% of purchases were made in other places. The survey revealed that the average Jewish Israeli household

spends NIS 300 per week on food shopping, equivalent to about NIS 1,260 a month.

The research showed that households with high incomes spend less in mini-markets and groceries than shoppers with lower incomes.

The high-income earners tend to prefer retail chain stores and discount supermarkets.

Nearly 60% of the haredi sector spends over half their food budget at haredi markets.

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Israel Beer Industries plans exports to Jordan, Egypt

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

ISRAEL Beer Industries plans to export Carlsberg and Tuborg to Jordan and Egypt, Ron Kobrovsky, managing director of the company which recently began producing the international brands here, said yesterday.

The Carlsberg brewery in Ashkelon will be inaugurated today at a festive ceremony in the presence of Carlsberg president Poul Svanehoj.

More than \$32 million was invested in the 18,000-square-meter factory, which is situated on 53 dunams in Ashkelon's industrial zone. The Central Bottling Company (Coca Cola) has an 80-percent stake in the company, while the remaining 20% of the shares are controlled by the Danish Carlsberg.

Coca Cola started to import the Danish beers in 1992, at a time when Tempo had a 95% share of the local market.

The decision to produce a foreign beer here was in response to

growing demand in the market for international brands and also the high tax imposed on imports compared with locally manufactured beer.

Rafi Baharav, marketing manager of Coca Cola, said Carlsberg's and Tuborg's share of the market has increased to 21%. Tempo - the producer of Goldstar, Maccabi and Amstel brands - has a 75% share of the market, while imports account for the remainder.

According to Baharav, the per capita consumption of beer here is about 16 liters a year, very low compared with Europe. In Italy, the lowest beer consumer in Europe, the per capita consumption is 30 liters, while in Germany and England the per capita consumption is 130-140 liters a year.

Coca Cola forecasts local beer consumption to grow about 10 percent annually during the next

few years. Shlomo Graziari, in charge of the brewery's operation, said it was built with the assistance of Carlsberg specialists using the most sophisticated equipment in the world. The production line and control system are totally

computerized. The plant, which is not yet producing at full capacity, has a production capacity of 400,000 hectoliters annually and the ability to fill 40,000 bottles per hour.

The raw materials, including malted barley and hops, are being specially imported, as are the bottles.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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U.S. dollar (\$200,000)	4.500	4.500	4.875	4.875
U.S. dollar (\$500,000)	4.250	4.250	4.750	4.750
U.S. dollar (\$1,000,000)	4.000	4.000	4.625	4.625
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Israel, Jordan reach transport agreement

Peres, Hassan agree to split Gulf of Eilat

HAIM SHAPIRO
and news agencies

THE transport agreement between Israel and Jordan, which is to include an aviation agreement between the two countries, is to be signed during the first week of November in Haifa, Transport Minister Yisrael Kessar and his Jordanian counterpart, Ridany Samir Kassar, announced in Amman yesterday.

Meanwhile, Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish agreed with his Jordanian counterpart, Ali Abu Ra'ab, to sign a trade agreement next Tuesday.

Also yesterday, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in a meeting with Crown Prince Hassan and security officials of both sides, an agreement was reached regarding the border between the two countries in the Gulf of Eilat, which will

run down the middle of the gulf.

The transport agreement will allow for Jordanian use of the Haifa and Ashdod ports. Another paragraph of the agreement would allow Israelis to travel to Jordan in their own cars 30 days after the signing.

Bus service between the two countries is to begin 45 days after the signing. There are to be six bus lines; Tel Aviv-Amman, Haifa-Amman, Haifa-Irbid, Eilat-Akaba, Nazareth-Amman, and Nazareth-Irbid.

The Transport Ministry also revealed that since Israel began to allow Royal Jordanian Airlines to overfly Israeli air space, there have been about 200 such flights a month, including flights of the

Jordanian royal family.

The two sides also agreed that the Israel Airports Authority would erect the permanent bridge at the Sheikh Hussein Crossing near Kibbutz Maoz Haim, while the Jordanians, with Japanese financing, would erect the permanent bridge at the Allenby Crossing.

Once the trade agreement is signed, the already agreed-upon reduction in customs duties will go into effect. The two sides will also establish joint committees to promote trade.

Peres, in his meeting with Crown Prince Hassan, also discussed prepara-

tions for an economic conference which Amman will host this month to encourage joint Arab-Israeli projects.

The media was not allowed access to the officials. But a Jordanian source, said Peres and Hassan "will focus on preparations for the conference and the two sides will coordinate positions regarding projects that will be presented."

The three-day conference, which opens October 29, will discuss economic development in the Middle East and North Africa. About 1,000 officials and businessmen from 52 nations are expected to attend.

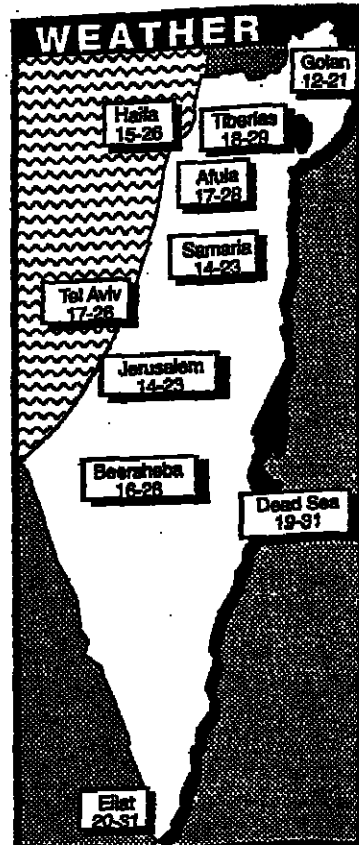
In Gaza, Palestinian officials said they would attend the meeting, withdrawing a reported threat to boycott the gathering.

Palestinian Authority head Yasser Arafat will head the Palestinian delegation at the conference, said Palestinian Economics Minister Ahmed Qreia.

"I do not think boycotting the conference would serve the interests of the Palestinian people," Qreia told the Voice of Palestine radio station.

Qreia said the PA never formally decided to stay away. However, leading Palestinian business people said earlier this month they would boycott the conference to protest against Israel's closure of the territories.

The business people argued that there was no point in attending a conference on regional cooperation while Israel curtailed Palestinian travel.



Labor affiliates form committee to fight 'right-wing violence'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

VOLUNTEERS from the Histadrut, the Labor Young Guard and the United Kibbutz Movement will accompany Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other ministers on all their public appearances, to prevent right-wing provocations and violence.

This was decided by the joint action committee set up yesterday at UKM headquarters by Histadrut, Labor and UKM activists, which aims to stop street violence and what they called the Likud and right wing's attempts to prevent government representatives from speaking.

Committee volunteers will also act to detect provocateurs and photograph perpetrators of violence, and will present the evidence to the police with the demand to put those responsible on trial.

It was also decided to hold three large rallies in support of the government and the peace process.

Histadrut executive member and action committee chairman Pini Shomer said that "although Rabin did not ask us to do this, I feel that he would give us his blessing, as would all the ministers. The government needs the silent majority and all those who support its policy to demonstrate their backing publicly. We will provide this support, something which has not happened so far, and see to it that the radical right wing is not alone on the street."

Action committee coordinator Pini Kabbalo, the Beit She'an labor council secretary, said "it is unthinkable that what they [the right wing] couldn't achieve democratically in the Knesset, they will impose with hoodlum methods in the street. The Likud's people have found a non-democratic way to fight against the prime minister, and unless our presence is felt, they will increase their activity. Once we're out there, they will make themselves

scarce and the prime minister and every minister will be able to speak freely."

Committee heads demanded that the police remove the "kid gloves with which it has been treating law-breakers, and deal firmly with violent rioters who attacked the prime minister and cabinet ministers physically."

They also demanded that the Supreme Court President Aharon Barak advise the courts to impose appropriate penalties on law-breakers, in order to "nip the violence in the bud, before it reaches such proportions which caused the political murder of Peace Now demonstrator Emil Grunzweig, by the hands of Yona Abrashmi, who claimed he was incited by right-wing leaders."

Histadrut Chairman Haim Ramon and treasurer Haim Oron yesterday announced that the Histadrut would not finance any partisan activity, regardless of its sponsor, which is forbidden by law.

But Oron distinguished between forbidden partisan activity and legitimate political activity.

"If Hanor Haoved [the Histadrut's youth movement] decides to demonstrate for peace, it is perfectly legitimate, just like the Bnei Akiva youth movement, which is financed by the state and the Education Ministry, participates in demonstrations against the peace process," he said.

A senior Labor source told *The Jerusalem Post* last night that party secretary-general Nissim Zivili had initially rejected the idea that the party accompany Rabin with a cheering squad, arguing that this is "Bolshevik thinking. It will badly boomerang against us."

Later, however, Zivili reportedly softened his stance and asserted that he only opposed the organized rallies and demonstrations of support for Rabin.

Sarah Honig contributed to this report.



Bereaved relatives and friends visit graves yesterday at Tel Aviv's Kiryat Shaul Cemetery, after attending a memorial service on the 28th anniversary of the sinking of the destroyer 'Eilat.' Forty-seven crew members were killed when the ship was hit by an Egyptian surface-to-surface missile on October 21, 1967.

Netanyahu: Rabin is the 'national inciter'

SARAH HONIG
and LIAT COLLINS

LIKUD leader Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday vehemently rejected Labor accusations that the Likud is responsible for fomenting violence and inciting the public.

"This is libel and they know it. Whenever there have been outbursts we disapproved of, we wasted no time in condemning them, though they came from the fringes and not from Likud quarters, and were acts of individuals whom we could not control nor had any prior knowledge of their plans," Netanyahu said.

"However, while on the right of the political divide such behavior comes from the sidelines, from the grass roots, on the left it comes from high up, and first and foremost in practicing political incitement is none other than the prime minister," he said.

At a special Likud faction session, Netanyahu accused Rabin of being "the national

inciter" and said the government is responsible for the extremist violence on the streets.

"Who was it who called half the nation 'Hamas collaborators'?" he asked.

Netanyahu again called on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to meet with him in an effort to defuse the volatile political situation. His previous attempts to confer with Rabin were rejected. The renewed attempt to meet came in the wake of news yesterday of Labor organizing to "conquer the street from the Likud."

The Likud was seething yesterday at what even mild-mannered MK Dan Meridor termed "Labor's attempt to set up its own private police. This smacks too much of what we saw in undemocratic states when parties

had their own militias. It will only encourage warfare in the street if Labor takes the law into its own hands and decides on punitive measures and where said when these are to be meted out."

MK Limor Livnat said "It is a sorry admission by Labor that it no longer represents anything resembling a majority in this country if the party needs to organize 'spontaneous' support for its prime minister and his policies and if they can't rely on local support and need to import hand-clappers and cheerers."

"It is all too much like what happened in the last days of Lyndon Johnson when he could not go out of the White House and deliver a speech anywhere for fear of heckling and opposition to his message. Only in the American democracy no one dared think of organizing a spontaneous cheering section. This is Bolshevik!"

Anti-government groups: Rabin is losing it

HERB KEINON

ANTI-government protest leaders reacted with a mixture of amusement and scorn at the formation yesterday of what is essentially an anti-anti-government protest group.

"I think it shows the government is losing it," said Nadia Matar, head of the Women in Green, one of the most vociferous of the protest groups. Matar said the group recently asked members to carry a whistle with them at all times in order to make noise when they see a government minister trying to speak anywhere.

"Since the government doesn't have a majority for its policies, it is obviously paying people to fol-

low the ministers around and cheer. This is a good sign for us," Matar said. "It shows that they are worried. They themselves admit there has never been a time when government ministers are booed wherever they try to speak."

Matar said that if members of this new group try to disrupt one of her protests, "we will not just stand by. But we have to wait and see what happens."

Matar and Moshe Feiglin, head of Zo Artzenu, charged that the pro-government demonstrators will be paid, saying this is something Labor has done in the past.

"Nobody will go to these demonstrations if they are not paid," said Feiglin. "Either they will get paid by the hour, or they will be let off work from kibbutzim, which is indirect payment."

Feiglin said that Zo Artzenu protesters will film what he called the new organization's "thugs" if they come to his group's demonstrations in order to disrupt them, and then will publicize who these people are "and who is paying them."

"The people of Israel are not stupid," Feiglin said. "After one or two demonstrations they will realize that you are talking about the same people. This is a continuation of an old Bolshevik trick."

Knesset panel condemns youth participation in illegal rallies

BATSHEVA TSUR

SOME 52 percent of the youngsters who oppose the peace process believe that it is permissible to use non-legal means to express their opposition, MK Dalia Itzik said yesterday.

Itzik said this emerged from a straw poll taken on Monday night in downtown Jerusalem.

A total of 254 youngsters between the ages of 14 and 18 responded to the question which was posed by pollsters at the behest of the Knesset's Education Committee, headed by Itzik.

The committee yesterday met to discuss the issue of schoolchildren participating in violent, illegal political activities. It later is-

sued a statement pointing to "the real danger of teenagers being drawn into illegal activities in the wake of the growing political confrontation, the encouragement by adults to disobey the law, and the wild and violent incitement against political leaders."

The committee added that "it views with gravity the participation by pupils in illegal political activities within the framework of, or organized by, the educational facility in which they study." It also called on Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein to take action against the heads of

such institutions if they were found to have organized or encouraged such activity.

At the same time, the committee noted that it was important to encourage pupils to debate current issues non-violently.

Heads of the youth wings of political parties across the spectrum, who participated in the debate, supported the committee's resolutions.

Tom Wagner, of the Meretz Youth, said that members of his group had become afraid to go into the streets. "I personally have been beaten up twice," he said, "and needed hospitalization."

RAINE MARCUS
and film

A BEERSHEBA woman was indicted yesterday in district court for abusing her three-month-old boy, fracturing his skull.

Police say the woman, 24, a prostitute, banged the child's head on the floor two weeks ago. She was arrested three days later, after bringing him to Soroka Hospital and then disappearing.

The woman denied the charges, saying the baby had fallen from his bed. However, doctors who examined the boy said the injury could not have been sustained from such a fall.

Police asked the court to remand the woman until trial, saying she had demonstrated signs of being dangerous to the public and was liable to obstruct justice. The hearing on the remand is to continue next week.

In another child abuse case, the Eilat nanny suspected of severely beating a five-month-old baby in her care appealed to Beersheba District Court yesterday against her remand.

Alize Harush, 37, was arrested last week after the father of the baby boy secretly filmed her beating his child. But defense lawyer Moshe Aloni claimed the allegations are "grossly exaggerated," saying Harush, the mother of two, will neither pose a threat to the investigation nor to public.

Although an Eilat Magistrate's Court judge recommended she undergo a psychiatric examination to determine whether she is capable of standing trial, Aloni said no mental hospital would accept her, since her sanity is not in question. He argued that, although she "hit the baby a few times," she did not systematically beat or abuse him.

The appeal is to be heard on Sunday.

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